



# RIVER FLOODING UPDATE

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## FLOOD WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR ENTIRE STATE THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT MINOR TO MODERATE FLOODING POSSIBLE ON CONNECTICUT RIVER BY LATE FRIDAY

At Noon radar showed showers over Connecticut. Another area of rain is located Southeast of Long Island and is expected to cross Connecticut this afternoon. Total rainfall for this storm now ranges from 1.7 – 2.7 inches (with isolated amounts of over 3 inches in South Central Connecticut). The rain showers (some of them heavy) are expected to continue this afternoon as more bands of rain form to our south and continue moving over the state resulting in another 0.5 – .75 inches of rain. Smaller rivers and streams seem to be doing fine and no significant flooding is expected at this time. However, some of the larger rivers such as the Connecticut and Housatonic are expected to reach and surpass flood stage Friday morning. The Connecticut river may reach the moderate flood level by Saturday morning. The next update will be issued by the DEP at 3:30 PM this afternoon.

| SMALL RIVERS                        | Current Stage  | Flood Stage | Movement            | Total Rainfall | DEP/NWS River Forecast  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|---|
| Yantic River at Norwich             | 5.67 FT        | 9.0 FT      | Rising Very Slowly  | 2.40"          | River forecast to continue to rise slowly this afternoon.   |
| Wepawaug River in Milford           | 1.81 FT        | 4.0 FT      | Falling Very Slowly | 2.00"          | River forecast to remain at current level this afternoon.   |
| Quinnipiac River at Southington     | 1.82 FT        | 3.5 FT      | Stationary          | 2.40"          | River forecast to begin to rise slowly this afternoon.  |
| Quinnipiac River at Wallingford     | 5.02 FT        | 8.0 FT      | Rising Very Slowly  | 2.60"          | River forecast to continue to rise slowly this afternoon.   |
| Norwalk River at Norwalk            | 1.68 FT        | 4.0 FT      | Rising Very Slowly  | 1.80"          | River forecast to continue to rise slowly this afternoon.   |
| Silvermine River at Norwalk         | 3.98 FT        | 6.5 FT      | Rising Very Slowly  | 1.80"          | River forecast to continue to rise slowly this afternoon.   |
| South Branch Park River in Hartford | 4.23 FT        | 10.0 FT     | Stationary          | 2.30"          | River forecast to continue to fall slowly this afternoon.   |
| LARGE RIVERS                        | Current Stage  | Flood Stage | Movement            | Total Rainfall | DEP/NWS River Forecast  |
| Connecticut River at Hartford       | 12.50 FT       | 16.0 FT     | Rising Slowly       | 2.20"          | River forecast to rise slowly. Expected to reach 16 feet by 11 AM Friday morning. 21 Feet by Sat 7 AM   |
| Connecticut River at Middletown     | 6.02 FT        | 8.0 FT      | Rising Slowly       | 2.40"          | River forecast to rise slowly. Expected to reach 8 feet by 7 AM Friday morning. 12 Feet by Sat 8 AM     |
| Farmington River at Tariffville     | 4.40 FT        | 9.0 FT      | Rising Slowly       | 2.20"          | River forecast to rise slowly. Expected to approach 8.5 feet by Friday night.                           |
| Housatonic River at Stevenson Dam   | 8.90 FT (Est.) | 11.0 FT     | Rising Slowly       | 2.00"          | River forecast to rise slowly. Expected to reach 11 feet by 10 AM Friday morning. 12.5 Feet by Sat 1 PM |
| Shetucket River at Willimantic      | 6.50 FT        | 13.0 FT     | Rising Slowly       | 2.20"          | River forecast to continue to rise slowly today. Not expected to reach flood stage.                     |